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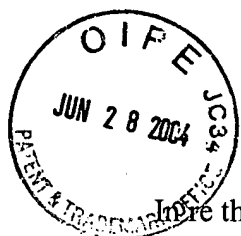
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0059 commencing at page 14, with the following:

[0059] Additional examples of mask writing processes that are improved using the context based methods disclosed herein are found in co-pending U.S. Appl. Ser. No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/620,285, ~~Attorney Docket Number CA7010492001~~, filed July 14, 2003, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTEXT-SPECIFIC MASK WRITING, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. In addition to mask writing, the context analysis methods disclosed herein may be used to perform mask inspection methods, such as those described in co-pending U.S. Appl. Ser. No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/620,284, ~~Attorney Docket Number CA7010502001~~, filed July 14, 2003, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTEXT-SPECIFIC MASK INSPECTION, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

REMARKS

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